

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-1560
Bare Hills School
6229 Falls Road
Baltimore, Baltimore County
Ca. 1877
Public

The Bare Hills School is located along Falls Road to the southwest of Lake Roland in the Ninth District of Baltimore County. The building first appears on the 1877 Hopkins Atlas located between the Bellona Gunpowder Mill and the Bare Hills Tyson Mining Company. Bare Hills received its name from the nearby copper mines, which were most active between 1864 and 1873, when legislation forced the mines to suspend work. The Bare Hills Copper Mines were very successful during their years of operation, with an engineer calculating that \$9,000 of ore could be sent to market each month. The school served the local community until 1956, when it was closed. Currently, the schoolhouse is used for special programs and office space for the Baltimore County Board of Education.

Constructed of random rubble stone, the vernacular schoolhouse has a Y-shaped footprint. The roof, with both gable and hipped sections, is clad in slate tiles. Rising one-story in height, the façade or southeast elevation is five-bays wide. There are two entries with one-light transoms and shed roof hoods. One entry has a single-leaf flush door and the other has double-leaf, one-light doors. Located between the two entries are two six-light casement windows with stone sills. The easternmost opening holds a 9/9 window. The cornice acts as a continuous lintel for all of the openings. A bell tower rises above the southernmost point of the school. The wood frame tower has a stone base and a pyramidal roof. An exterior stone chimney with a brick chimney stack rises from the northwest corner of the school.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-1560

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Bare Hills School

other

2. Location

street and number 6229 Falls Road not for publication

city, town Baltimore vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Board of Education of Baltimore County

street and number 9610 Pulaski Park Drive telephone Not Available

city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21220-1435

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber Unknown folio Unknown

city, town Towson tax map 69 tax parcel 621 tax ID number 0902571441

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

1

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The vernacular Bare Hills School was built circa 1877 near Ruxton in the Ninth District of Baltimore County. Constructed of random rubble stone, the schoolhouse has a Y-shaped footprint. The roof, with both gable and hipped sections, is clad in slate tiles. Rising one-story in height, the façade or southeast elevation is five-bays wide. There are two entries with one-light transoms and shed roof hoods. One entry has a single-leaf flush door and the other has double-leaf, one-light doors. Located between the two entries are two six-light casement windows with stone sills. The easternmost opening holds a 9/9 window. The cornice acts as a continuous lintel for all of the openings. A bell tower rises above the southernmost point of the school. The wood frame tower has a stone base and a pyramidal roof. An exterior stone chimney with a brick chimney stack rises from the northwest corner of the school.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1877 ca.

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates 1877 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men*, (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), pp. 842-843.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property One Acre
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Cockeysville

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Bare Hills School is located at 6229 Falls Road in the Ninth District of Baltimore County. It has been associated with its location on Tax Map 69, Parcel 621 since its construction circa 1877.

11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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- BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE CO
- BA-0516
1901 WEST JOPPA RD
RIDERWOOD, BALTIMORE CO
- BA-2141
1006 WEST JOPPA RD
BALTIMORE
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2359
1000 WEST JOPPA RD
BALTIMORE
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2425
1517 WEST JOPPA RD
BALTIMORE
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-1775
1400 WAINUT HILL LANE
BALTIMORE
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2140
7106 SHERWOOD AVENUE
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE CO
- BA-2360
1500 OLD ORCHARD LANE
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE CO
- BA-2202
2004 RUXTON ROAD
BALTIMORE
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2203
2008 RUXTON ROAD
BALTIMORE
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2044
10145 FALLS ROAD
BROOKLANDVILLE
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2372
- BA-1777
7205 BELLONA AVENUE
BALTIMORE
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2230
7309 BRIGHTSIDE ROAD
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE
- BA-2356
14 MEADOW ROAD
BALTIMORE
BALTIMORE COUNTY

- 1 MILE
- BA-1560
6229 FALLS ROAD
BALTIMORE
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2358
211 WOODBROOK LANE
BALTIMORE
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- QUADRANGLE LOCATION

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt

 Interstate Route
 U.S. Route
 State Route

COCKEYSVILLE, MD.
39076-D6-TF-024

Revisions shown in purple and woodland compiled by the Geological Survey from aerial photographs taken 1983 and other sources. This information not field checked Map edited 1986

Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas

1957
PHOTOREVISED 1986
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NORTH ELEVATION

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MD SHPO

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

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BARE HILLS SCHOOL - 1881 - 6200 block Falls Road, Bare Hills vicinity, north of Copper Hill Road. Stone school house with gable roof and belfry in functional style. Closed as a school in 1956. It was refurbished in 1974 and given a new slate roof to use as a school office for teaching children unable to leave home. Excellent condition in 1979. Building material is local serpentine. Announcement of closure, Evening Sun, June 14, 1956. Some architectural work was done by Smith & May, proved by drawings signed January 30, 1925.